

## Recreational Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan Project Team Draft Work Plan for Project Team Review

*Prepared by the Administrative Team - May 15, 2019*

### Overview

Following a scientific peer review of [two management strategies](#) under consideration for the Recreational Red Abalone Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) in 2018, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) made the following recommendations at its December 2018 meeting: (1) address [peer review recommendations](#) to integrate the two proposed management strategies; (2) develop a *de minimis* (i.e., managed/restricted access) fishery option; and (3) develop a more comprehensive process and timeline to engage and consult with stakeholders.

To accomplish this, a publicly convened group consisting of members of the abalone fishing community, Tribes and tribal communities, and other interested stakeholders are invited to work with scientists and resource managers (collectively known as the Project Team) to provide advice and guidance for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the Commission to consider as they finalize a Recreational Red Abalone FMP for the North Coast. Advice and guidance provided by the Project Team will be integrated throughout the management strategies integration process, including being incorporated into a final report presented by the Administrative Team to the Commission.

**In an effort to promote transparency and support constructive dialogue and information sharing, the following draft work plan has been developed to assist the Project Team in identifying deliverables and action items to accomplish in advance of the December 2019 Commission meeting.** The work plan is a “living” document and will be updated to better reflect the progress and evolution of Project Team goals and priorities throughout the duration of the project. The work plan will be carried out by the Project Team, with support from Strategic Earth, in accordance with the agreements and procedures identified in the charter ([here](#)).

### Draft Milestones and Timeline, May—December 2019

Meeting Type	Purpose, Deliverables & Action Items	Timing
In-person <a href="#">Meeting #1</a> (with “listen only” mode available to call-in participants)	<i>Purpose:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Confirm the charge of the Project Team and role of meeting participants, and arrive at a shared understanding of the Recreational Red Abalone FMP development process to date;</li><li>- Understand how available information (e.g., model simulations) will assist the Project Team in developing options/proposals for management strategy integration;</li><li>- Learn about the concept and role of restricted access and engage in an initial brainstorm about criteria to guide an optimal managed/restricted access recreational Red Abalone fishery; and</li></ul>	May 22, 2019 (Santa Rosa, CA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop the Project Team's work plan, including a schedule for Project Team meetings in advance of the December 2019 Commission meeting.</li> </ul> <p><i>Anticipated outcomes:</i> Identified next steps for modeling and other data synthesis to inform management strategy integration; Brainstorm capture of ideas for restricted/managed access fishery; Updated work plan with confirmed meeting goals, action items, timelines, and work assignment leads for upcoming Project Team meetings; Confirm Project Team composition;</p> <p><i>Anticipated outputs:</i> Approved Charter; Summary of key themes</p> <p><i>Post-meeting action items:</i> Identify work products to be developed by lead modeler and/or Project Team; Draft goals for July webinar; Additional work plan development</p> <p><i>Leads:</i> TBD</p> <p><i>Timing Considerations:</i> (in anticipation of July webinar)</p>	
Marine Resources Committee #1	<p><i>Purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide an update on progress and activities from first Project Team meeting</li> <li>- Receive suggestions for improvement to future Project Team meetings</li> <li>- Confirm and/or amend priority action items</li> </ul> <p><i>Lead: Administrative Team members to provide MRC update, informed by Project Team discussions</i></p>	July 11, 2019
Webinar #1	<p><i>Purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Orient any new Project Team participants</li> <li>- Confirm Project Team work plan</li> <li>- Provide updates on management strategy integration, including progress on model simulations, and gain feedback on suggested next steps</li> <li>- Continue brainstorming on restricted/managed access fishery structure and begin developing strawman proposal(s)</li> </ul> <p><i>Anticipated outcomes/outputs:</i></p>	July 2019

	<i>Post-meeting action Items:</i>  <i>Leads:</i>  <i>Timing Considerations:</i>	
In-person Meeting #2	<i>Purpose:</i>  <i>Anticipated outcomes/outputs:</i>  <i>Post-meeting action Items:</i>  <i>Leads:</i>  <i>Timing Considerations:</i>	August 2019
Webinar #2	<i>Purpose:</i>  <i>Anticipated outcomes/outputs:</i>  <i>Post-meeting action Items:</i>  <i>Leads:</i>  <i>Timing Considerations:</i>	September 2019
In-person Meeting #3	<i>Purpose:</i>  <i>Anticipated outcomes/outputs:</i>  <i>Post-meeting action Items:</i>  <i>Leads:</i>  <i>Timing Considerations:</i>	October 2019
Marine Resources Committee #2	<i>Purpose:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide an update on progress and activities from Project Team meetings</li> <li>- Present draft recommendations for MRC's review and input</li> </ul>	November 5, 2019

	<i>Lead: Administrative Team members to provide MRC update, informed by Project Team discussions</i>	
Webinar #3	<p><i>Purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and confirm final recommendations/proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integration of management strategies</li> <li>- <i>De minimis</i> (restricted/managed access) fishery option</li> <li>- Summary outlining process to involve stakeholders as part of the Project Team</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Review and confirm additional information to be shared with Commission</li> </ul> <p><i>Anticipated outcomes/outputs:</i></p> <p><i>Post-meeting action Items:</i></p> <p><i>Leads:</i></p> <p><i>Timing Considerations:</i></p>	November 2019
Commission Meeting	<p>Submission of Administrative Team report for fishery managers that summarizes the discussions, proposals, and suggestions by the Project Team and modelers to inform the re-drafting of the FMP</p> <p><i>Lead: Administrative Team members to provide Commission presentation, informed by Project Team discussions</i></p>	December 11-12, 2019

#### Timeline and Meeting Date Considerations

- *Fish and Game Commission*
  - June 12-13, Redding
  - August 7-8, Sacramento
  - October 9-10, San Diego
  - December 11-12, Sacramento
- *Marine Resources Committee*
  - July 11, San Clemente
  - November 5, Sacramento
- *Tribal Committee*
  - June 11, Redding
  - October 8, San Diego

## **Deliverables**

All interim and final reporting of deliverables, with the exception of the Administrative Team Report, will be developed by the Project Team, with support from Strategic Earth as desired and appropriate. The Project Team will be provided an opportunity to review all meeting summaries and related products before they are finalized, including the final Administrative Team report to the Commission. The intended audience (i.e. internal or external/public) for deliverables will be agreed upon in advance.

### *Anticipated Project Team Products - all will be posted on the OPC/CDFW webpage*

- Agendas for Project Team meetings
  - Materials developed to inform Project Team discussions (e.g. background materials, presentations, etc.)
- High-level key themes summaries of all Project Team meetings to inform Administrative Team's final report
  - Summaries from subgroup meetings/discussions (e.g., formal modeling discussions)

### *Administrative Team Report*

- Based on the Administrative Team's charter, generate summary report for fishery managers to inform re-drafting of FMP to be provided for consideration by Commission and final delivery to CDFW.